

**Mercer, Shirley (Bird)**

1931-2021



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Shirley Mercer

On Saturday, Feb. 27, 2021, Shirley Jean Mercer, of Euless, passed away peacefully at the age of 90 years old. She was a devoted wife, mother, grandmother and great-grandmother. Her bright smile and personality were loved by all. Shirley loved her family more than anything and always wanted the best for them. She had the most kind and giving heart.

Shirley was born on Jan. 5, 1931, to Lloyd and Marie Bird in Decatur. She grew up and went all through grade school in Bridgeport, graduating from Bridgeport High School where she met Bill Mercer. They married July 2, 1948. She and Bill had great memories and lifelong friendships from their hometown. Her father, Lloyd "Fluff" Bird, was very active in the community during her childhood.

Shirley had a career in banking. She was a member of the Euless Historical Society and a longtime member of the First Methodist Church of Euless, where she was very active.

She enjoyed sewing and making crafts. For many years, Shirley and Bill would plan and attend Naval Survivor Reunions across the country to honor their fallen

shipmates. She enjoyed traveling with Bill and her friends and family. She will be greatly missed by her family and friends and left a legacy of love.

Shirley was preceded in death by her beloved husband of 56 years, Bill Mercer.

She is survived by her three daughters and their husbands, Markey and Jack Tracht, Debbie and Steve Ragsdill and Kay and Noe Martinez; grandchildren Scott, Angie, Jeff, Traci and Kristy; nine great-grandchildren, Cate, Christopher, Zachary, Sydnie, Baylee, Brett, Blayne, Dakota and Hayden; and two great-great-grandchildren Emma and Reagan.

A private graveside service was held for immediate family only March 9 at the Dallas-Fort Worth National Cemetery.